

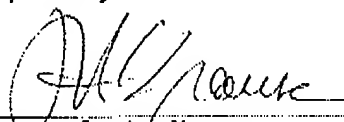
REMARKS

By virtue of the foregoing Amendment the only claims now pending in the above-identified application are the claims which were allowed in the Office Action of October 7, 2003.

Accordingly, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited in this application.

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